

Course Introduction

Welcome! I am looking forward to a great year and know that our combined efforts will make it a success. Please read the following and let me know if you have any questions.

Course Policies:

1. Students are expected, but not required, to maintain a notebook.
2. Notes will be taken by students daily.
3. Daily learning objectives will be given to students.
4. Assignment logs will be given at the beginning of each chapter that lists homework and dates for quizzes and chapter test.
5. Homework will be assigned daily, except on test days. However, homework does not count toward your grade, but I will still collect it and keep track of who is doing their homework for parent conferences.
6. No calculators are allowed for the majority of tests and quizzes, however, graphing calculators are highly recommended so students can start to learn how to use them, especially if they are moving on to AP Calculus.
7. No notes, or note cards are allowed for use during tests or quizzes, however one 3x5 note card is allowed for 1st and 2nd semester finals.

School Wide Guidelines:

1. TARDY POLICY – the school tardy policy, found in the student handbook, will be enforced.
2. FOOD & DRINK – NO food or drink (other than bottled water with a cap) may be consumed in the classroom.
3. NO GUM – because I have too many students who do not know where to put it when they are done with it.
4. NO CELL PHONES DURING INSTRUCTION TIME – Cell phones will be placed in clear hanging pockets at the front of the room during instruction time and during tests and quizzes.

Classroom Expectations:

1. R-E-S-P-E-C-T, let us all start with respecting each other, no need to earn respect but you can lose respect.
2. LISTEN TO AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS
3. CLASSROOM PASSES (for the restroom or office) – let's keep it to 3 per quarter.

Materials:

1. Paper (lined and/or graph, blank paper optional)
2. Two Notebooks– spiral bound with 70 pages preferred (one for each semester)
3. Pencils, pens, erasers and highlighter
4. Optional -- Graphing calculator (TI-83 or TI-83 Plus)

Grading: Standards Based Grading

Grades are based purely on tests and quizzes assessing each standard. You will have multiple chances on each standard. Each standard receives a grade based on decaying weights. Your final grade for the class is then an average of all the assessed standards.

A – 5
B – 4
C – 3
D – 2
F – 1 & 0

This class is a team effort and I am here to help whenever I can. **I am available after school from 3 to 4pm Monday and Tuesday.** Please come see me if you need help!

Acceptance Form:

Student's Name: _____

Period: _____

I have read and understand the above policies. I know that if I have any questions or concerns regarding course policies I can contact the teacher.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

HOW TO START CLASS:

1. Before the bell, walk in quietly and sit down.
2. Put cell phone in clear hanging pockets at the front of the room.
3. If you need something, get it before the bell.
4. Take out required materials & homework.
5. Put up questions from homework.
6. If tardy, discretely hand over your pass, put up cell phone & quietly sit.

HOW TO END CLASS:

1. I will let you know when you can retrieve your phone.
2. Stay seated and only get up when the teacher excuses you (not the bell).
3. Make sure to pick up after yourself before you exit the room quietly.

HOW TO GET A HALL PASS:

1. No passes the first and last 15 minutes of class.
2. Use a bathroom pass for bathroom, and classroom pass for going to the office, seeing a counselor or getting something from your last class.
3. You get 3 passes a quarter (non-transferable, non-cumulative, & non-negotiable) use them wisely.
4. Sign out at clip board by the door and take the pass. Upon returning sign in and replace the pass.
5. Keep bathroom breaks to 10 minutes maximum. You will be missing important instruction time.
6. **One student out of class at a time.** If a pass is not there, someone is out.
7. If phones are in hanging pockets you will need to go without your phone.